

TO: Chair and Members

DATE: March 13, 2014

**SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 900 Phase II Jail Construction
Financing Program Project San Benito County
Request for Scope Modification. Requesting
Approval.**

AGENDA ITEM: G

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Michael Scott

Summary:

This agenda item requests the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) approval of San Benito County's request for an additive alternate for up to 12 additional beds by changing from double occupancy cells to dormitory-style housing for their current Assembly Bill (AB) 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program project.

Background:

At the July 2012 BSCC meeting, San Benito County received a conditional award through the AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program. The County's submitted application described its scope of work as a 60-bed expansion to the existing San Benito County Jail.

San Benito County is proposing to change the design from 30 double occupancy cells to six total 10 person dormitory-style housing units, with an alternate to increase the dorm capacity up to 12 persons per dorm. This change and alternate are more cost-effective for construction, offers greater flexibility for jail staff, and offers expanded rehabilitation opportunities for inmates.

The alternate would provide up to 12 additional medium security beds, resulting in a final 60-72 bed expansion project. This increase would be accomplished by adding an additional double bunk per dormitory. This alternate would not increase the total area of the project.

This alternate is fully supported by the County's 2008 Adult Detention Needs Assessment which indicates that an additional 150 detention beds are needed.

The County understands that their conditional award will not increase and has determined that this scope modification will not significantly impact the budget.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff recommends the Board approve San Benito County's request to modify the scope of its AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program project to include the alternate.

Attachments Included:

A: San Benito's County request for scope change including Board of Supervisors Resolution supporting the scope change and the current project scope